

THE CLAIMED INVENTION IS:

1. A method for assembling a database regarding claimant eligibility for relief in a multiple-party proceeding, the method comprising:

providing access via a computer network for filing one or more claims for relief in the multiple-party proceeding, each of the claims for relief comprising first information regarding a potential claimant and second information regarding the potential claimant's eligibility for relief;

receiving each of the claims for relief via the computer network; and
validating each of the claims for relief by comparing either of the first or second information against a pre-defined dataset.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the pre-defined dataset includes a class list of known class members potentially eligible for relief.

3. The method according to claim 1, the method further comprising associating a unique personal identifier with each of the claims for relief, the unique personal identifier being capable of uniquely identifying the potential claimant.

4. The method according to claim 3, wherein associating a unique personal identifier with each of the claims for relief includes associating a reference string with each of the claims for relief.

5. The method according to claim 4, the method further comprising:
providing the reference string to the potential claimant prior to receiving each of the claims for relief; and
receiving the reference string with each of the claims for relief.

6. The method according to claim 5, wherein validating each of the claims for relief comprises comparing the reference string provided to the potential claimant against the reference string received with each of the claims for relief.

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22. A computer system for assembling a database regarding claimant eligibility for relief in a multiple-party proceeding, the system comprising:

a client computing system for providing access via a computer network for filing one or more claims for relief in the multiple-party proceeding, each of the claims for relief comprising first information regarding a potential claimant and second information regarding the potential claimant's eligibility for relief; and

a server computing system for receiving each of the claims for relief via the computer network; and

a validation module for validating each of the claims for relief by comparing either of the first or second information against a pre-defined dataset.

23. The system according to claim 22, wherein the pre-defined dataset includes a class list of known class members potentially eligible for relief.

24. The system according to claim 22, further comprising a reference string that has been provided to potential claimants prior to receiving the first and second information, wherein the reference string is received in connection with the first and second information, and wherein the validation module processes the reference string to determine whether the potential claimant may be eligible for relief.

25. The system according to claim 22, further comprising a keycode received in connection with the first and second information, and wherein the validation module processes the keycode to determine whether the potential claimant may be eligible for relief.

26. The system according to claim 22, wherein the validation module processes at least one of the first and second information to determine whether the potential claimant may be eligible for relief.